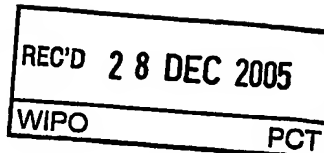


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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1 - 10 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* 11 - 13 received by this Authority on 2005-07-19
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- ☒ the drawings:
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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
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- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Cited documents in the International Search Report:

D1: US2005015583 A1
D2: EP1309213 A
D3: WO9916277 A
D4: EP1119132 A2
D5: US200307696 A1 published 2003-11-03.
D6: EP1359782 A1 Published 2003-11-05.

D1 and D2 are regarded as being the closest prior arts to the subject-matter of claims 1, 6 and 8 and shows, neither one of documents D1 or D2 discloses the usage of such an uplink channel in an MBMS-based system.

The subject-matter of claims 1, 6 and 8 therefore differs from this known method in those Documents. The subject-matter of claim 1 and 6 is therefore novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

The problem to be solved by the present invention may therefore be regarded as a subscriber is charged only for the information that it actually has received and how to achieve a content- or session-based charging.

The solution to this problem proposed in claims 2-5 and 7 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons: Claims 2-5 and 7 are dependent on claim 1, 6 and 8 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

CLAIMS

1. A method in a network unit of a telecommunication system providing network services to one or more user equipments and capable to transmit data messages of a multimedia broadcast/multicast service (MBMS),

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registering user equipments for a session of an multimedia broadcast/multicast service by help of received participation requests from said user equipments on a predetermined MBMS-uplink channel,

providing charging information when receiving on said predetermined MBMS-uplink channel an acknowledgement message from a user equipment indicating the reception of one or more MBMS-messages,

transmitting one or more decoding keys for decoding one or more MBMS-messages after having charged the user equipment for previously received MBMS-messages.

2. The method according to claim 1 whereby the user equipment is already charged in response to said participation request.

3. The method according to one of the preceding claims whereby the charging information also considers the lapsed time during which the user equipment has participated in said MBMS-session.

4. The method according to one of the preceding claims whereby the charging information also considers the user subscription profile.

5. The method according to one of the preceding claims further comprising the steps of

maintaining a register for storing segment numbers of at least the received acknowledgement messages of each user equipment that participates in an MBMS-session,

determining by help of said segment numbers a missing
5 acknowledgement message,

retransmitting the decoding key for decoding the latest transmitted MBMS-message in case of a detected missing acknowledgement message,

omitting the charging procedure when receiving from a user
10 equipment an acknowledgement message comprising an already received sequence number.

6. A method in a user equipment of a telecommunication system capable to receive data messages of a multimedia broadcast/multicast service (MBMS),

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transmitting on a predetermined MBMS-uplink channel a participation request in order to participate in a session of a desired multimedia broadcast/multicast service,

20 decoding one or more of the received MBMS-messages by help of a stored decoding key that is provided by the network,

transmitting, if required by the network operator, on said predetermined MBMS-uplink channel acknowledgement messages for one or more received MBMS-messages.

7. The method according to claim 6 further comprising the
25 steps of

storing received MBMS-messages of said session that cannot be decoded,

transmitting an acknowledgement message for said MBMS-messages after having received the necessary decoding key for decoding said MBMS-messages.

8. A user equipment for communicating in a
5 telecommunication system and capable to receive data messages of a multimedia broadcast/multicast service (MBMS),

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means for storing received decoding keys,

10 means for storing received MBMS-messages,

means for processing and decoding received MBMS-messages by help of a stored decoding key, and

means for transmitting acknowledgement messages on a predetermined MBMS-uplink channel for one or more received
15 MBMS-messages.